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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claim 13 has been added to more fully claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. In particular, claim 13 relates to the use of a single bandwidth register in a wireless network with three or more portals. No new matter is believed to be added by the present amendment.

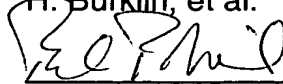
Rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-12 is overcome in view of the present amendment. In particular, the claims have been amended to more clearly define the cooperative relationship of the "virtual elements." Applicants submit that amended claims 1-12 satisfy 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

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Reconsideration of the application is respectfully solicited in view of amended claims 1-12. If the Examiner has any further concerns regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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